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## IN DAYS OF OLD

(The following are a few rules from the Partridge Academy book dated 1853--Ed.)

The number of scholars, members of the Academy at any one time, shall be limited to 50.

Scholars of both sexes shall be admitted, without limitation of their relative numbers.

No scholar shall be admitted under the age of 12.

Applicants for admission, at the commencement of the first term of the junior year, shall be examined in Orthography, Reading, Writing, the Geography of the United States and North America, the elements of English Grammar and parsing of simple prose sentences, Arithmetic through Vulgar Fractions, including the Multiplication Table and the Tables of Weights and Measures.

In determining upon the admission of applicants, regard shall be paid, first, to moral and intellectual qualifications; secondly, to age; thirdly, to the time for which the applicant wishes to enter; fourthly, to the district where the parents or guardians reside; fifthly, to pecuniary ability; and the preference shall be given to those best qualified; to those between the ages of 14-16; to those who enter for the course of 3 years; to those from the more remote districts; and to those of smallest means.

The studies allowed in the Academy shall be Orthography, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, History, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Rhetoric, Elocution, Surveying, Navigation, Bookkeeping, Astronomy, Natural Philosophy, Anatomy and Physiology, Geology, Botany, Natural History, Composition, and the Latin, Greek and French languages.

The year shall be divided into 4 terms of 11 weeks each. The First Term to commence on the first Monday of December, and to continue 11 weeks; to be succeeded by a vacation of the week following its close. The Second Term to consist of 11 weeks, succeeded by a vacation of the week following its close. After which a Third Term of 11 weeks. The Fourth Term shall commence at such time as to admit of the expiration of 11 weeks one week previous to the commencement of the first term of the next succeeding academical year. In addition it is provided, - should the annual Thanksgiving fall upon the last week of the fourth term,

that the school shall close on the day preceding said Thanksgiving day, and the pupils be allowed the remainder of the week as a part of their vacation. In addition to the above vacations, the Preceptor is authorized to allow such holidays as custom has sanctioned, or such as a reasonable indulgence may justify.

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